

**HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021  
4:00 P.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD REMOTELY VIA TELECONFERENCE. THE PUBLIC MAY VIEW VIA LIVESTREAMING – PLEASE SEE COUNTY WEBSITE: [WWW.ORANGECOUNTYGOV.COM/LEGISLATURE/LEGISLATIVE\\_CALENDAR\\_FOR\\_THE\\_LINK](http://WWW.ORANGECOUNTYGOV.COM/LEGISLATURE/LEGISLATIVE_CALENDAR_FOR_THE_LINK)**

**HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** James D. O'Donnell, Chair  
Michael Amo, Mike Anagnostakis, Janet Sutherland, Peter V. Tuohy, Kevindaryán Luján, Laurie R. Tautel

**I. DARCIE MILLER, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH**

**MONTHLY UPDATE: DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**II. MICHAEL AMO, LEGISLATOR**

**Resolution requesting the New York State Commissioner of Health to adjust the Medicaid transportation reimbursement fee schedule for Orange County**

**III. DR. IRINA GELMAN, COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH  
CHRISTOPHER ERICSON, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
MICHAEL VENTRE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**MONTHLY UPDATE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**IV. LAURENCE LADUE, COMMISSIONER, VALLEY VIEW CENTER  
DONNA STRECKER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, VALLEY VIEW CENTER**

**a. MONTHLY FINANCIALS**

**b. MONTHLY UPDATE: VALLEY VIEW**

# ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**Committees:** Human Services; Health and Mental Health; Rules, Enactment and Intergovernmental Relations

**Sponsors:**

**Co-Sponsors:**

II.

**Agenda No.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020**

## **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO ADJUST THE MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR ORANGE COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, Orange County consists of three (3) cities, twenty-one (21) towns, nineteen (19) villages and 812 square miles, which creates challenges for Orange County non-motorized residents to obtain transportation to medical appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health provides Medicaid transportation reimbursement fees to taxi, livery and van services that participate in the state's program; and

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Legislature, that in Orange County, the pick-up and drop-off state Medicaid reimbursement fee for taxi, livery and van service is \$4.11, while in the three contiguous counties, the pick-up and drop-off fee is \$10.55 for Rockland County, \$10.91 for Ulster County, \$10.35 for Sullivan County, and neighboring Westchester County with the rate of \$20.00. The rate per mile in Orange County is \$1.86, far below the rates in contiguous counties and neighboring Westchester County.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that, We, the Orange County Legislature, respectfully request that the Commissioner of Health, review the Medicaid transportation reimbursement fees for Orange County and adjust such fees upwards to be compatible with contiguous counties fee schedule rates; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to forward certified copies of this resolution to Commissioner Howard Zucker, M.D. New York State Department of Health, to each member of the State Senate and Assembly whose districts include all or part of Orange County and to the Orange County Commissioners of Health and Mental Health and Social Services.

**DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

# ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**Committees:** Human Services; Health and Mental Health; Rules, Enactment and Intergovernmental Relations

**Sponsors:** Tuohy, Sutherland, O'Donnell, Amo, Anagnostakis, Tautel, Paduch, Bonelli

**Co-Sponsors:** Benton, Cheney, Faggione, Hines, Kulisek, Luján, Minuta, Ruszkiewicz, Sassi, Sierra, Stegenga, Vero, Brescia

Agenda No. 24

## RESOLUTION NO. 234 2019

### RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO ADJUST THE MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR ORANGE COUNTY.

**WHEREAS**, Orange County consists of three (3) cities, twenty-one (21) towns, nineteen (19) villages and 812 square miles which creates challenges for Orange County non-motorized residents to get transportation to doctors' appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health provides Medicaid transportation reimbursement fees to taxi, livery and van services who participate in the state's program;

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Legislature, that in Orange County, the pick-up and drop-off state Medicaid reimbursement fee for taxi, livery and van service is \$4.11, while in the three contiguous counties, the pick-up and drop-off fee is \$10.55 for Rockland County, \$10.37 for Ulster County and \$10.35 for Sullivan County. On average, the NYS Medicaid Transportation Fee Schedule, is \$6.31 less per pick-up and drop-off from neighboring counties. This Legislature has also come to learn that the rate per mile in surrounding counties is \$2.50 per mile, while the rate per mile in Orange County is \$1.86, a difference of 64 cents.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that, We, the Orange County Legislature, respectfully request that the Commissioner of Health, review the Medicaid transportation reimbursement fees for Orange County and adjust such fees upwards to be compatible with contiguous counties fee schedule rates; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to forward certified copies of this resolution to Commissioner Howard Zucker, M.D. New York State Department of Health, to each member of the State Senate and Assembly whose districts include all or part of Orange County and to the Orange County Commissioners of Health and Mental Health and Social Services.

**DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  
Ayes 21; Noes 0